


IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice.

Please add new claim 9.

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1. (Currently amended) An article comprising:
a base substrate having a first side and a second side;
a plurality of receiving loops extending from said first side of said base substrate, said receiving loops including at least one receiving filament;
a plurality of stiff loops extending from said base substrate, said plurality of stiff loops including at least one stiff filament extending from said first side of said base substrate, said stiff filament having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the receiving filament of said receiving loops.
 2. (Currently amended) The article according to Claim 1, ~~wherein said base substrate includes a first side and a second side,~~ and wherein said plurality of receiving loops and said plurality of stiff loops each extend from said the first side of said base substrate.
 3. (Original) The article according to Claim 2, wherein said receiving loops are adjacent to the stiff loops.
 4. (Original) The article according to Claim 2, wherein said receiving loops coincide with the stiff loops.
 5. (Cancelled) The article according to Claim 1, wherein said base substrate includes a first side and a second side, wherein said receiving loops are disposed on the first side of said base substrate, and wherein said stiff loops are disposed on the second side of said base substrate.



6. (Currently amended) An article comprising:
- a base substrate having a first side and a second side;
 - a plurality of receiving loops extending from said first side of said base substrate, said receiving loops including at least one receiving filament with a denier per filament of less than about 5;
 - a plurality of stiff loops extending from said first side of said base substrate, said stiff loops including at least one stiff filament with a denier per filament of greater than about 10.
7. (Currently amended) An article comprising:
- a base substrate having a first side and a second side;
 - a plurality of receiving filaments extending from said first side of said base substrate, said receiving filaments having a denier per filament of less than about 5;
 - a plurality of stiff loops ~~filaments~~ extending from said first side of said base substrate, said stiff loops including at least one stiff filament with a denier per filament of greater than about 10;
 - wherein said base substrate, with said receiving filaments and said stiff ~~stiff~~ loops applied thereon, provides have an absorbency of at least about 2 grams of water per total gram weight.
8. (Original) The article according to Claim 7, wherein said receiving filaments extend from said base substrate in receiving loops, and wherein said stiff filaments extend from said base substrate in stiff loops.
9. (New) The article of claim 8 additionally comprising:
- a plurality of receiving loops extending from said second side of said base substrate; and
 - a plurality of stiff loops extending from said second side of said base substrate.